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Office Action Summary

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 5, 2001
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed. 2.

Claim Rejections - 35 U. S. C. § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U. S. C. 102 (b) as being unpatentable over patent # 5,168,270 ("Masumori et al.").

As for claims 1-7, Masumori et al. teach a display unit which displays an image (column 1, lines 8-12); memories which store information regarding control of said display unit Fig.2 (11); an operation circuit unit which controls said display unit to display the image based on the information stored in said memories Fig.2 (10); a data bus which connects said memories to an exterior of said display device, and supplies the information to said memories from the exterior of said display device (column 5, lines 40-50); and an address bus which connects said memories to the exterior of said display device, and supplies address signals for selecting one of said

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memories Fig.2 (WCK, RCK, RE), a gate driver Fig.2 (122), a data driver (column 19, lines 11-18), a shift register (column 5, lines 51-68), a decoder (column 12, lines 5-12), an address counter (column 4, lines 58-68), memory store (column 1, lines 29-50), a data-synthesis circuit Fig.21 (20).

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S. C ,§ 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention as made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated in the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over patent # 6,115,020 ("Masumori et al.") in view of patent # 6,121,949 ("Ramamurthy et al.").

As for claims 8-11, Masumori et al. teach a display device (column 1, lines 8-12) and a data bus (column 5, lines 40-50) and address bus Fig.2 (WCK, RCK, RE), a thin film transistor (column 11, lines 29-44). Accordingly, Masumori et al. teach all the claimed limitations as recited in claims 8-11 with the exception of providing a display-information acquisition circuit.

However, Ramamurthy et al. disclosed sensors 248 may be within the panel display 132 (Fig.4) and see (column 5, lines 1-35) corresponding to the display-information acquisition.

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It would have been obvious to utilize a display-information acquisition as taught by Ramamurthy et al. in the liquid crystal display disclosed by Masumori et al. because this would allow the display system to be manually or automatically modified such that the display image can be improved as operating conditions change.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean Lesperance whose telephone number is (703) 308-6413. The examiner can normally be reached on from Monday to Friday between 8:00AM and 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard HJerpe, can be reached on (703) 305-4709 . The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-6606.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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